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Indiana National Guard Tuition Supplemental Program and HEA 1333

What Indiana National Guard members need to know

The Indiana National Guard Tuition Supplemental Grant (NGSG) provides up to 100% of certain tuition and regularly assessed fees for eligible members of the Indiana Air and Army National Guard. Over the past two years, the NGSF has been strained due to the grant being used as a primary source of tuition funding rather than as a supplement. In response, the Governor's Office, the Commission for Higher Education and the Indiana National Guard worked together to increase funding and expand eligibility. The resulting legislation, House Enrolled Act 1333, ensures the program fulfills its promise to Indiana National Guard members.

What is different about NGSF after the 2015 changes to the law?

- Indiana National Guard members attending Indiana colleges and universities are now eligible for the funding even if they or their parents live out of state.
- The Governor and Budget Agency added \$1.4 million in additional funding to the NGSF to ensure that it will be adequately funded through Academic Year 2016-17.
- Income-eligible Indiana National Guard members used to receive state need-based financial aid (known as the Higher Education Award or Frank O'Bannon Grant) alongside the NGSF. Now, these students will only receive the NGSF, but the amount will be larger so that tuition and regularly assessed fees are still covered.
- To ensure all Indiana National Guard members have access to the NGSF, members eligible for federal tuition assistance (FTA) are required to apply for and use those federal funds first.
- Indiana National Guard members wishing to renew the grant beyond the first academic year must maintain a cumulative grade point average that meets their institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy (typically a 2.0). This is a requirement of all other state financial aid programs as well.

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